

the Erattupetta crossing. This improvement work was taken up in the current year and is in progress. So, unless radical changes are made in the matter of maintenance work, it is not possible to prevent submersion.

Communications in the Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha Taluks.

•106. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to improve the facilities for communication in the inland taluks of Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha by undertaking the works mentioned below:—

(i) the six feet trace that runs from the Karimannur market in the Todupuzha taluk, *via* Neyyasseri and joins the Todupuzha-Kaliyar road at Vantamattam, to be widened and made fit for cart traffic;

(ii) the six feet trace running from the 11th mile in the Muvattupuzha-Todupuzha road, passing near the Pakuthi Cutcherry at Kumaramangalam, to be made fit for cart traffic as far as Paingattur market on the Neduvakkad road;

(iii) the trace running *via* Arikkuzha from Vazhakulam market to Vazhittala on the Kuttattukulam-Todupuzha road, to be made fit for cart traffic;

(iv) the six feet trace that runs from Pezhakappilli on the Muvattupuzha-Perumpavur road, through the middle of the Mulavur pakuthi to Trikariyur, to be widened up to the Kotamangalam-Perumpavur road, and made fit for cart traffic;

(v) the trace running from Anchappetti on the Kuttattukulam-Piravam road, *via* Pampakuda and passing near the Pakuthi Cutcherry at Ramamangalam, to be connected with the road from Puttancruz to the bank of the river;

(vi) the road opened by the people running *via* Kurumuttam from the place where the Kotamangalam-High Range road meets the Kuttamangalam and Kotamangalam *pakuthies*, to be widened and connected with the Kuruppampadikkal-Kottappadikkal road under construction; and

(vii) a road to be opened from the Muvattupuzha-Kotamangalam road to the Todupuzha-Kaliyar road *via* Pottanikkadu, Paingattur and Neduvakkad.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (i) to (v) The works are provided for in the Preliminary Budget for 1101 M. E.

(vi) A report is awaited.

(vii) The first section of the road up to Kalambur is in progress. In regard to the remaining sections, estimates have been called for.

Appointments in the Public Works Department:

107. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement of officers drawing a salary of Rs. 25 and above in the Public Works Department, showing the number belonging to each caste?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

1. Brahmins	...	158
2. Nairs	...	96
3. Other Caste Hindus	...	42
4. Ezhavas	...	3
5. Christians	...	66
6. Mahomadens	...	5
7. Other classes	...	3
8. Vacant (not permanently filled up)	...	3
Total		376

Passes for Removal of Fuel, Bamboo, etc.

108. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*):

(a) Are the Government aware that the people suffer great hardship and loss on account of the provision that passes from the Forest Department are required for felling, removing and using fuel, bamboo, *ventak*, *venmarutu* and *punna*?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to redress the grievances of the people in this respect by exempting the above-said items from the rules requiring the taking out of passes?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*):

(a) Government are not aware of any hardship on account of the provision referred to after the passing of the new rules which were prepared and submitted recently by a committee of officials and non-officials.

(b) In the light of the reply to part (a), the necessity for any further action does not arise.

Government Servants carrying on Business.

109. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*):

(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether Government servants can, directly or indirectly, undertake departmental contracts or carry on trade?

(b) Will they be pleased to enquire whether any officer is doing so now?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) An enquiry will be made into any specific instance which the member may bring to the notice of Government.

Department of Industries and the Wembley Exhibition.

110. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to give the names of the articles sent to the British Empire Exhibition, which were made by the Industries Department or under their advice or supervision?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): A list of exhibits made by the Department of Industries or under its advice or supervision is available, for perusal by the member, in the Office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council.